

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Inquiry Regarding Carrier Current Systems)	ET Docket No. 03-104
Including Broadband over Power Line)	
Systems)	
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REPLY COMMENTS Of Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative

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Dear Sir or Madam,

It is with a doubt that the opportunities that Broadband over Power Line, (BPL) brings to the electric utility is sure to be one of the most revolutionary new driving technologies for many years well into the future. As a rural electric cooperative we feel that its continued growth and development is the key to providing our rural areas with state of the art telecommunications services that they need so desperately for survival. There have been many comments made about the pros and cons of BPL over the last several months. Agreeably it is a young and growing industry and today there are many unknown issues that need to be resolved. One thing for sure is that the technology works and has great possibilities.

We would encourage the Federal Communications Commission to continue to allow this future technology develop so that it will become a reality for our rural consumers. The potential for using BPL for core business support cannot be overlooked either. BPL will provide better reliability of the transmission grid and ultimately better electric service to our customers. We are concerned that the Nay Sayers have lost sight of how developments have taken place through out history, television, radio, internet, and the continual evolution of computers to name a few. BPL will grow and develop too if it is given a chance. To say no to BPL is totally with out vision of the future.

We at Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative support the comments made by the United Power Line Council in this Docket. We also encourage the FCC not to stifle this opportunity for our rural areas. Please allow it to grow with the guidance one would give a youth that needs direction to reach to maturity.